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THE PARKING BRAKE IN MOTOR VEHICLES

# REPLY

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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#### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Subi	Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114						
a.		Prev	Previously submitted				
	i.		Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116				
	prev	iously	usly filed on				
	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply				
	Brie	f previously filed on					
	iii.		Other				

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	b.	$\boxtimes$	Enclosed			
		i.	$\boxtimes$	Amendment/Reply		
		ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		
		iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
		iv.		Other		
2.	Miscellaneous					
	a.		Susp	ension of action on the above-identified application is		
	requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months (not to					
	exceed three months). The required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is included					
	in Section 3. a. iii. below.					
	b.		Othe	r		
3.	Fees					
	a.	$\boxtimes$	The	following fees are included in the payment indicated		
	below	<b>7:</b>				
		i.	$\boxtimes$	RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)		
		ii.	$\boxtimes$	Extension of time fee required under 37 CFR 1.136 &		
		1.17				
		iii.		Other		
	b.	$\boxtimes$	Paym	nent:		
		i.		Two checks in the amount of \$770.00 and \$110.00 are		
		enclos	sed			

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ii. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees listed above in Section 3 a i-iii to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring, L.L.P., Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. \*)

iii. If a check should become detached or if there is any deficiency in fees, any necessary fees should be charged, or any overpayment in fees should be credited, to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring, L.L.P., Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 951/50202).

Respectfully submitted,

December 23, 2003

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